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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MARCH 5 AIDE-MEMOIRE FROM
FOREIGN MINISTRY:

BEGIN TEXT:

THE NORWEGIAN AUTHORITIES CONCERNED HAVE WITH
GREAT INTEREST FOLLOWED THE GRAN EXPERIMENTS, ALSO
THROUGH INFORMATION GIVEN BY THE IMCO SUBCOMMITTEE
ON RADIOCOMMUNICATION. IN THIS COUNTRY, THERE IS A
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HIGHLY FAVORABLE ATTITUDE TOWARDS THIS MATTER, A

FACT THAT EVENTUALLY MIGHT DO A GREAT DEAL TO FURTHER THE PLANS FOR USING THE OMEGA STATION IN NORWAY FOR THIS RESCUE PROJECT.

ACCORDING TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE USA AND NORWAY CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF THE OMEGA STATION, THE STATION SHOULD BE A NAVIGATIONAL AID TO SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT AND FORM PART OF A WORLDWIDE SYSTEM OF SEVERAL SIMILAR STATIONS. AN EXTENSION OF THE USE OF FREQUENCIES AT THE STATION BY ADDING SIDE FREQUENCIES TO THE MAIN FREQUENCIES ALREADY IN USE MAY THIS BE EFFECTED FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY. ADMITTEDLY, THE GRAN SYSTEM MAY BE CONSIDERED AN AID TO NAVIGATION; HOWEVER. BEFORE STEPS ARE TAKEN TOWARDS AN INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION OF A SIDE FREQUENCY FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE GRAN SYSTEM SHOULD BE INTERNATIONALLY APPROVED OR RECOMMENDED.

THE NORWEGIAN AUTHORITIES CONCERNED THEREFORE BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE OF ADVANTAGE TO THE PROMOTION OF THE PROJECT IF IT COULD BE SUPPORTED BY AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION LIKE IMCO OR ICAO, AND THAT EACH OF THE HOST COUNTRIES FOR OMEGA BE ASKED TO COOPERATE IN THE EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH THE GRAN RESCUE SERVICE PROJECT.

OSLO, MARCH 5, 1974

END TEXT.

2. IN HANDING AIDE-MEMOIRE TO EMBOFF, FOREIGN MINISTRY DIVISION CHIEF FOR SECURITY AND NATO AFFAIRS (FREIHOW) REFERRED TO PAST NORWEGIAN SENSITIVITIES TO WELL PUBLICIZED ALLEGATIONS THAT OMEGA IS USED IN STRATEGIC TARGETING OF POLARIS MISSILES ON SSBN'S. FREIHOW ALSO STRESSED WORD "ADVANTAGE" IN PARA 3 OF AIDE-MEMOIRE AND POINTED OUT THAT IMCO OR ICAO SUPPORT IS NOT A CONDITION.

3. COMMENT: NORWEGIAN RESPONSE REFLECTS CONTINUING SENSITIVITIES HERE AND AN EFFORT TO BURY POLITICAL LIABILITIES IN SOME SORT OF INTERNATIONAL ENDORSEMENT. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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4. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE FOR RETURN CALL ON FREIHOW WHICH HOPEFULLY WILL ALLAY NORWEGIAN CONCERNS YET CALL FOR PROMPT ACCEPTANCE OF GRAN. SUMMARY OF STATUS OF RESPONSES FROM THE OTHER "OMEGA COUNTRIES" WOULD BE HELPFUL IN THIS REGARD.
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